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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 27 October 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Somalia

Briefing by Mr. Ibrahima Fall, Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs

Briefing by Mr. Sergio Vieira de Mello, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Co-ordinator

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
BY RESOLUTION 661 (1990) CONCERNING
THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND KUWAIT

3.30 p.m.	191st meeting* (closed)	Conference Room 7

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested Members of the United Nations in the same room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 40th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development: commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Population Fund: draft resolution (A/54/L.18) [99 (h)]

3 p.m. 41st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [27]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/379);

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.9)

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 17th meeting Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85 *(continued)*

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 3

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of the Chairman of the Committee on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.8 (item 100 (e))

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 24th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(d) Human resources development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.10

(g) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.9

2. Globalization and interdependence [104] (A/54/358, A/54/98, A/54/175)

Conclusion of general discussion

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m. 15th meeting Conference Room 4

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [87] (A/54/20, A/C.4/54/8, A/CONF.184/6)

WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

Morning*-1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 4

* Following the adjournment of the 15th meeting of the Fourth Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [112] (A/54/98, A/54/265, A/54/411, A/54/419 and A/54/430)

Dialogue with the Secretary-General's Representative on Children and Armed Conflict, the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, the Director of the office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Director-General of the International Labour Organization and the Executive Director of UNICEF

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [107]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.22

2. International drug control [108]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.20

3. Advancement of women [109]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.18 and L.19

4. Right of peoples to self-determination [115]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.25

5. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [112] (A/54/98, A/54/265, A/54/411, A/54/419 and A/54/430)

   Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Pattern of Conferences (A/54/32, A/54/176, A/54/208, A/54/221, A/54/262, A/53/833, A/53/919 and Corr.1 (French only), and Add.1 and Corr.1 (Russian only), and Add.2 and Corr.1 (French only), A/54/7, A/52/1000, A/52/7, A/53/257, A/51/946, A/52/685, A/53/16 and A/53/669))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 3

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

Address by the Secretary-General

(A/54/6/Rev.1 Vols. I-III, A/54/7, A/54/16, A/54/127, A/54/206, A/54/434, A/54/443, A/C.5/54/14, A/C.5/54/15, A/C.5/54/16, A/C.5/54/17, A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19, A/C.5/54/20, A/C.5/54/21, A/C.5/54/22, A/C.5/54/25 and A/C.5/54/26)

Introduction and general discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	17th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	18th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155] (A/54/10 and Corr.1 and 2)

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Morning*- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
Afternoon**- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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* Following the adjournment of the 17th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 18th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	199th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Draft report of the Committee (document A/AC.154/1999/CRP.1)

2. Other matters

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	247th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session on the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK)

2. Draft report

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	open meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	open meeting	Conference Room 8

Oral hearings

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 27 October 1999

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on item 100 (Report of the Governing Council of UNEP), item 100 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind))

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on Item 99 (a) (Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration of International Economic Cooperation, in particular the revitalization of the economic growth and development of developing countries and Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Decade); item 104 (Globalization and interdependence), item 99 (f) (Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(briefing by Mr. Juan Somavia, Director-General of the International Labour Organization)

3.45 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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The NGO Committee on Human Rights will sponsor a meeting on the future direction of the United Nations human rights work and a report of the last special session of the Commission on Human Rights *today*, 27 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of Friends of Guinea-Bissau *today*, 27 October 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9

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Informal consultations

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) will hold informal consultations on the Girl Child *today*, 27 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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Briefing

On the occasion of the forthcoming visit of Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO), Mr. Juan Somavia, the New York Liaison Office of the ILO will host a dialogue between Mr. Somavia and non-governmental organizations. The dialogue will provide an opportunity for Mr. Somavia to brief non-governmental organizations on the work of the ILO. The dialogue will take place *today*, 27 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Rhitu Siddharth (tel.: (212) 909-7810).

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Presentation

There will be a presentation of the United Nations Development Programme on NetAid to the Second Committee of the General Assembly *today*, 27 October 1999, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4. All members of permanent missions, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 October 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). In the event that room S-226 is occupied at that time, the briefing will take place in the Security Council Quiet Room.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 28 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 18th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	20th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (b)

Informal consultations facilitated by the delegation of the United States of America on the draft resolution on agenda item 40 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Thursday, 28 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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The Committee on Information will resume its twenty-first session on Monday, 1 November 1999, to consider the report of the Secretary-General on the multilingual development, maintenance and enrichment of United Nations Web sites (A/AC.198/1999/9). For further information, delegations may contact the Committee secretariat at (212) 963-7216.

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The 1999 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Tuesday, 2 November 1999, and on Wednesday, 3 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 5973; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers is open until Tuesday, 2 November 1999.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be a meeting between the Economic and Social Council and the Board of Directors of the International Monetary Fund on Thursday, 28 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will cover the outcomes of the September meeting of the Interim Committee of the International Monetary Fund and of the annual substantive session of the Economic and Social Council, as well as major issues before the General Assembly, highly indebted poor countries and poverty eradication, and post conflict peace building.

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M. Patrick Guillaumont (France), a member of the Committee for Development Policy, will hold follow-up discussions with delegations (including any national experts who wish to participate) on the proposals of the Committee for the revision of the criteria for the identification of least developed countries, on Thursday, 28 October 1999, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

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Informal briefing

At the request of interested delegations, Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Third Conference of the Parties (Recife, Brazil, 15-26 November 1999). The briefing will take place on Friday, 29 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 11. a.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Eastern European Group on Thursday, 28 October 1999, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room D.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Thursday, 28 October 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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There will be a meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on Thursday, 28 October 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

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Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors and interested delegations on the First Committee draft resolution on small arms, organized by the delegation of Japan, on Thursday, 28 October 1999, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Briefing

In the context of preparations for Geneva 2000, the Special Session of the General Assembly on Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives, the International Labour Office (ILO), the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs are organizing a joint briefing on "Full Employment and Decent Work in the context of Geneva 2000". Speakers will be Ms. Maria Ducci, Director, Bureau for External Relations and Partnerships of the ILO, and Mr. John Langmore, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development. This briefing will take place on Thursday, 28 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Rhitu Siddharth (tel. (212) 909-7810).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 3 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, 4 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 5 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 29 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Informal consultations

In accordance with paragraph 86 of the Report on the Eleventh session of the High-Level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (A/54/39), informal consultations of the High-Level Committee will be held on Monday, 8 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss the theme for the twelfth session of the Committee proposed by the Group of 77 and China entitled "The role of technical cooperation among developing countries in science and technology for development." The informal consultations is open to all Member States.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 26 October 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4058th (private) meeting

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4058th meeting, held in private on 26 October 1999, the Security Council considered the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The representatives of Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Sweden, Turkey and Ukraine were invited, at their request, to participate in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure."

"The Security Council heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Jacques Paul Klein, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Coordinator of United Nations Operations in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The members of the Council made comments and posed questions in connection with the briefing. Mr. Klein responded to the comments and questions posed by members of the Council."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

39th plenary meeting

Report of the International Court of Justice (A/54/4) [13]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the International Court of Justice (A/54/4).

The President of the International Court of Justice made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Zambia, Cameroon, Argentina, Pakistan, Cyprus, the Russian Federation, Costa Rica, Peru and the Sudan.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 13.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States [26]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/180)

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.14)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 477 (V) of 1 November 1950, the observer for the League of Arab States made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.14 (resolution 54/9)

The representative of Israel made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 26.

Observer status for the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries in the General Assembly: draft resolution (A/54/L.15) [171]

The representative of Angola (also on behalf of Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal and SaoTome and Principe) made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.15.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.15 (resolution 54/10)

The representative of Brazil made a statement.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 171.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 16th meeting

Thematic discussion on item subjects, introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85

The Committee continued its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85).

Statements were made by the representatives of Uruguay (on behalf of MERCOSUR), Chile, Romania, Japan, Nigeria, and the United States.

The representative of Sri Lanka introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.22.

The representative of New Zealand introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.18.

The representative of Mexico introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.23.

The representative of Germany introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.27.

The representative of Egypt introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.8.

The representative of Mexico introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.24.

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.4.

SECOND COMMITTEE 22nd meeting

Environment and sustainable development [100]

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.8

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Environment and sustainable development [100]

(c) Convention on Biological Diversity

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

(f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of Poland, Nigeria, Egypt, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Armenia, Namibia, Jamaica, Maldives, the United Republic of Tanzania and Comoros.

The Executive Secretary of the Secretariat for the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification made a statement in response to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the sub-items.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(h) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-item and heard an introductory statement by the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Mexico, Norway, Bangladesh, India and Pakistan.

The representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization made a statement.

23rd meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of sub-item (h) of agenda item 99 and heard statements by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Ethiopia, Japan, New Zealand, Ukraine, South Africa, China and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The representative of the International Labour Organization made a statement.

Concluding remarks were made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund and the Director of the Population Division of the Department for Economic and Social Affairs.

The Committee thus concluded its general consideration of the sub-item.

Globalization and interdependence [104]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta), Ghana, the United States, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Korea, Brazil, Pakistan and India.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 15th and 16th meetings

Note: The summary of the 15th and 16th meetings of the Fifth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/207).

SIXTH COMMITTEE 16th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155]

Statements were made by the representatives of Chile, Finland (on behalf of the Nordic countries), France and the Czech Republic.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session

48th meeting

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]

The Council approved the agenda as contained in document E/1999/120.

Economic and environmental questions [13]

(a) Sustainable development

The Council resumed consideration of the item.

On the proposal of the President the Council adopted an oral decision in which the Council decided to postpone its consideration of the graduation of the Republic of Maldives from the list of least developed countries until a report of the Committee for Development Policy had been submitted and the review of the vulnerability index had been completed.

The Council thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 13 (a).

(g) Transport of dangerous goods

The Council resumed consideration of the item.

The Council had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (E/1999/43) and a statement of programme budget implications on draft resolution II contained in the report (E/1999/L.48).

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Council then adopted the draft resolution.

The Council thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 13 (g).

Election of the President of the Council for the year 2000

On the proposal of the President, the Council decided to hold its meeting to elect the President for the year 2000 on 27 January 2000.

Non-governmental organizations [12]

The Council resumed consideration of the item and had before it documents E/1999/109 and Add.1. Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Finland (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Romania, as well as the EFTA country member of the EEA, Liechtenstein, aligned themselves with this statement), Cuba and the observer for Sudan. The representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Cuba requested a roll-call vote on draft decision II in document E/1999/109.

The Committee adopted the decision by a recorded roll-call vote of 26 to 14 with 12 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Japan, Lesotho and Comoros .

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, New Zealand, Norway (also on behalf of Iceland), the Syrian Arab Republic, Venezuela, Turkey and Djibouti.

On the proposal of the President the Council took note of the report contained in document E/1999/109.

Statements were then made by the representative of the United States and the observer for Lebanon.

The Council thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 12.

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Sixty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 26 OCTOBER 1999

1795th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [6]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the fourth periodic report of Portugal (Macau) (CCPR/C/POR/99/4).

1796th meeting

The Committee finalized its first reading of its draft general comment on article 3 of the Covenant.

The Committee examined the draft concluding observations on Norway (CCPR/C/79/Add.112) in closed session.

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United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Forty-sixth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 18 OCTOBER 1999

905th meeting

Election of officers [1 (a)]

The forty-sixth session of the Trade and Development Board was opened by H.E. Mr. Chak Mun See (Singapore). H.E. Mr. Philippe Petit (France) was formally elected President by acclamation.

The Board also elected Mr. Xolisa M. Mabhongo (South Africa) as Rapporteur and the following 10 Vice-Presidents: H.E. Mrs. Fayza Aboulnaga (Egypt), H.E. Mr. Munir Akram (Pakistan), H.E. Mr. Krit Garnjana-Goonchorn (Thailand), H.E. Mr. Koichi Haraguchi (Japan), H.E. Mr. Walter Lewalter (Germany), H.E. Mr. George Moose (United States of America), H.E. Mr. Goce Petreski (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), H.E. Mr. Camilo Reyes-Rodríguez (Colombia), H.E. Mr. Ronald Saborio (Costa Rica) and H.E. Mr. Vasily Sidorov (Russian Federation).

The Board established Sessional Committee I to consider agenda item 4 and elected H.E. Mr. Walter Lewalter (Germany) as its Chairman. It also established Sessional Committee II to consider agenda item 5 and elected H.E. Mr. Adolphe Nahayo (Burundi) as its Chairman.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work of the session [1 (b)]

The Board adopted the provisional agenda (TD/B/46/1 and Corr.1) and took note of the organization of work as contained in Annex I and II.

Preparatory process for the tenth session of the Conference: Establishment of the Committee of the Whole [2]

The Board established the Committee of the Whole for the substantive preparations of UNCTAD X under the chairmanship of the President of the Board.

General Statements

Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD addressed the Board.

Statements were made by the representatives of Zambia (on behalf of the Group of 77), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation, Belarus, and the United States.

Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: trade, growth an external financing in developing countries [3]

The Board began its consideration of the item in plenary with an introductory statement by Mr. Yilmaz Akyuz, Chief Macroeconomist, UNCTAD secretariat.

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Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: trade, growth an external financing in developing countries [3]

The Board continued its consideration of the item. Statements were made by the representatives of Colombia (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Asian Group and China), South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Thailand, Pakistan, Poland, Ethiopia, India, Japan, Indonesia, the United States, Switzerland, China, Bangladesh, Malaysia, International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU).

The Board thus concluded its consideration of the item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Ratification: Czech Republic (26 October 1999)*

European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR). Geneva, 1 July 1970

Accession: Hungary (22 October 1999)*

Amendments to articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 16 May 1998

Acceptance: Norway (25 October 1999)*

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Honduras (26 October 1999)*

Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Geneva, 22 September 1995

Ratification: Tunisia (26 October 1999)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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Information Fair

The annual Inter-Agency Information Fair, organized by the Department of Public Information, will be held in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Friday, 29 October 1999. The event brings together nearly 30 specialized agencies, programmes and departments of the United Nations system, each with representatives on hand to answer questions and distribute brochures, posters and other information materials.

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Special event

The youth representatives of the delegations of Australia, Denmark, Netherlands and Norway, the United Nations Youth Unit and the social coordinators for interns invite youth interns in the Permanent Missions and the Secretariat, junior advisors, junior staff members and other young people to take part in a discussion by and for young people involved with the United Nations "The United Nations's future in the eyes of youth". The discussion will focus on: What should be the United Nations's focus in the 21st century? Should youth represent their own interest at the United Nations? and should the United Nations become a true supranational organization? It will take place on Thursday, 28 October 1999, at 6.15 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Those who have proposals for discussion are kindly invited to submit them via e-mail to unyouth@hotmail.com or visit the Web site at come.to/youthdiscussion

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Exhibits

The photography exhibit entitled "Images of the Twentieth Century", from the Florentine photography archives and the Museum "Fratelli Alinari", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information, will be on display until Friday, 5 November 1999, at the Visitors' Entrance of the Secretariat Building.

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An exhibit entitled "The Three-Cornered Island - Sicilian Cartography from the sixteenth to mid-nineteenth century", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, will be on display until 12 November 1999 in the first basement of the Secretariat Building (near the Viennese Café).

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